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Cap cites Sov spy tech

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WASHINGTON—The Soviets and their Eastern bloc allies are conducting a huge, worldwide campaign to buy, borrow or steal Western technology and have been so successful the West is actually "subsidizing the Soviet military buildup," Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said yesterday.

"The cost has been staggering" to the United States, Weinberger told reporters as he unveiled a new Pentagon report, "Soviet Acquisition of Militarily Significant Western Technology."

Publication coincides with resumption of U.S.-Soviet arms talks in Geneva today, but Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Perle denied any connection.

Soviet apparatus

What we are hoping to achieve is to sensitize the

scientific and technical community to the fact that there is a very large and well-organized Soviet apparatus that has targeted scientists and engineers and universities for military purposes," Perle said.

The 34-page booklet with four-color charts and bar graphs is a compendium of data collected by U.S. and allied intelligence agencies that portrays a reliance of the Soviet defense industry on Western technology to keep up with or move ahead of the West militarily.

According to the report, high-tech shopping lists from Moscow "include the firms and sometimes the names of persons who have the desired hardware and documents. Some 3,000 to 5,000 new, amended and reap-proved requirements for hardware, documents or both are now issued by the Soviets each year."

Over the years from 1978

to 1980, the report said, an estimated \$1.4 billion a year was spent by the Soviet to acquire "one-of-a-kind Western hardware and documents."

About 60% of Soviet acquisitions were of U.S. origin, though not necessarily acquired in the United States.

Weinberger said that by systematically acquiring Western secrets from high-tech manufacturers, research centers, universities and defense contractors, Moscow advances its military programs and saves "tens of thousands of man-years of scientific research."

U.S. spends more

At the same time, he said, "They're requiring us to spend far more for our own defense than would otherwise be the case."

Neither Weinberger nor the report pointed a finger at any U.S. agency or defense contractor for lax security.